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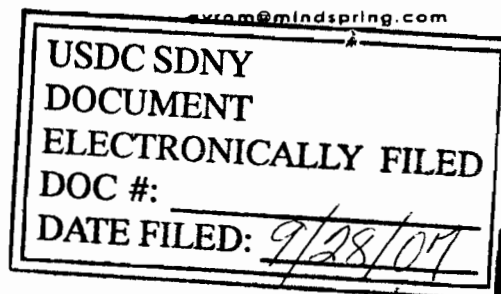
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September 26, 2007

Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin
United States District Judge
United States Courthouse
500 Pearl Street
New York, NY 10007

Re: United States v. Abel Gonzalez-Casillas
07-Cr-527 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

I write regarding my client Abel Gonzalez-Casillas, the defendant in the above captioned case.

I write to request prior approval, as required by C.J.A. rules, for transcription and translation of tape recordings, provided by the government as discovery, from Spanish into English. I only seek approval for tape recordings deemed essential, that directly involve my client, and not all the conversations provided by the government.

As counsel I need to review these recordings with my client in order to assess the strength of the government's evidence against him.

Interpreter to perform the translation:
Period of work by the Interpreter:
Hours required:
Rate per hour:
For a grand total of

Mario Michelena (Federally Certified)
October 1 – October 10, 2007
about 30 hours
Standard CJA rate, \$65.00
\$1,950.00

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

AVROM ROBIN

SO ORDERED:

Prior approval of transcription and translation of tape recordings from Spanish to English by certified interpreter Mario Michelena in an amount not to exceed \$1950.00 is hereby given.

Date: September 28, 2007

Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin, U.S.D.J.